TREE TRIMMER SUPERVISOR

DEFINITION

Under direction, is responsible for supervising and participating in the pruning of trees on or removal of trees from city property; performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all of the duties that may be performed.)

Supervises a small crew of employees engaged in the pruning and removal of trees, to include performance evaluations, leave requests, and initiating disciplinary recommendations;

Participates in all phases of tree pruning and removal;

Determines appropriate manner of completing jobs taking into consideration surrounding obstacles and electrical wires:

Advises forestry crew regarding the techniques and methods used in pruning, removal and planting of trees according to departmental and national standards;

Collects data, prepares reports and maintains records on work completed;

Prunes and removes trees using chain saws and pole saws;

Operates an aerial lift or climbs trees using ropes and saddle to reach and prune or remove limbs;

Operates machinery such as a stump grinder, log loader and chipper;

Performs minor maintenance of machinery and vehicles;

Drives trucks to and from worksite:

Drives commercial motor vehicles that require a commercial driver's license;

Inspects and evaluates tree damage and/or need for maintenance and takes the necessary action to resolve the problem;

Responds to emergency storm calls on a twenty-four hour basis;

Trains and ensures employees follow proper work and safety procedures, equipment usage and operating procedures;

Makes work schedules and assignments for subordinate staff;

Plants and maintains trees on city property;

May serve as an Arborist in his/her absence.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Two (2) years of experience as a Tree Trimmer with the City of Columbus or comparable experience.

Possession of a valid, Class A or B, commercial motor vehicle operator's license allowing operation of vehicles with air brakes.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Thorough knowledge of the methods and equipment used in pruning and removing trees; thorough knowledge of safety practices used in this field; thorough knowledge of the use of knots and ropes in tree trimming and removal; considerable knowledge of tree trimming equipment and vehicle maintenance; general knowledge of the kinds and characteristics of trees commonly planted on city property; ability to climb trees which may reach 50 to 100 feet in height; ability to follow and give written and oral instructions; ability to complete written work orders; ability to communicate effectively with the public.

Probationary Period: 365 Days Examination: Competitive

Class Code: 3761

Job Family: Labor & Maintenance EEO Job Category: Service-Maintenance

Compensation Plan: AFSCME Salary: Range 23-25

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